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Dear Mr. Willey,

When I wrote you two days ago invoking the Privacy Act to have a statement disputing what I described as the FBI's distortions and lies about me in records you are required to disclose and providing that statement I had not been able to locate some of the records to which I referred. I regret my physical limitations. Since then I have found copies of two of the records to which I referred and I enclose them.

My recollection after all these ² years was close but not perfect. Thurman Arnold, Abe Fortas and Paul Porter referred to my "vindication" rather than "exoneration" and to my "calmness and dignity under the most adverse circumstances."

One State Department official I said had been fired had resigned, according to the enclosed newspaper story of 5/22/48. I have highlighted several parts of that United Press story. Both refer to the awarding of Pulitzer Prizes, the second one to Bert Andrews and the articles to which I'd referred.

With that is a Joe Alsop column that he wrote in defense of those of us who had been abused so unconscionably. I have highlighted two parts of it.

If he was before your time, he was a conservative columnist. At the time he wrote this column his brother was coauthor of it. The brother later did his own column.

I ask that you please attach this to my letter of two days ago.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg